

Porter Corridor Steering Committee meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2010 4:00-6:00 PM

Committee members met with City staff and consultants from Ochsner Hare & Hare to discuss several issues related to streetscape design along Porter Avenue. Consultants discussed access management issues at each parcel fronting on Porter Avenue. Committee members raised questions about right-of-way acquisition along Porter and how that would be handled when the time came. Staff and consultants responded that ROW acquisition would likely be required at various points along the corridor, those acquisitions would have to be negotiated with individual property owners on a case-by-case basis. Consultants also walked the committee through four possible streetscape design concepts for a generic block along Porter Avenue, showing two different possibilities of lane widths and how the design of the pedestrian zone (i.e. sidewalk, right-of-way planting strip, seating areas, etc.) would vary depending on the width of lanes and the choice of construction materials. Consultants discussed the fact that lane widths may impact the City's ability to procure federal grants to implement streetscape improvements along Porter. Individual committee members gave input about streetscape design issues and material preferences.